

The Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) deals with transferring geospatial data among computer systems. The Raster Profile of SDTS is remotely related to the proposed swath standard because the Raster Profile can also be used to deal with remote sensing data. However, two important factors distinct them. First SDTS Raster Profile is a transfer standard while the proposed swath standard is a content standard. Second, SDTS Raster Profile only deals with two-dimensional geocoded raster data while the swath standard handles one, two, or higher dimensional data in raw sensor geometry. No other current FGDC, national, or international standard addresses this important facet of sharing remote sensing swath data.

Development and Completion Schedule

Execution of the timeline below will begin immediately following approval of this proposal.

1. Set up review committee—within 4 weeks after approval of proposal.
 2. Produce working draft of standard—within 6–8 weeks after committee impaneled.
 3. Conduct committee review—during 4–6 weeks after completion of working draft.
 4. Revise working draft—within 2 weeks after receipt of committee comments.
 5. Submit draft to SWG—within 2 weeks of final committee approval.
- The following steps will take place according to the timing specified by the FGDC review process.
6. Review revised draft (SWG).
 7. Produce revised draft for public review (NASDA/ESDIS).
 8. Conduct public review (FGDC).
 9. Respond to public comments (NASDA/ESDIS).
 10. Evaluate response to public comments (SWG).
 11. Approve standard for endorsement (SWG).
 12. Endorse standard (FGDC).

Resources Required

NASA/GSFC ESDIS Project will fund this project to develop the content standard for swath data.

Potential Participants

NASA, through its Mission to Planet Earth, is already bringing together many diverse groups within the remote sensing community. Through the continuing data standards work done for ESDIS, NASA has gained considerable insight into the requirements of these various groups. Other Federal agencies who produce a large amount of remote sensing data, such as NOAA, NIMA, and

USGS, can also participate in the standard development. Participation of the commercial remote sensing community in the standard development is also welcomed. In addition, under the auspices of the CEOS WGISS, many national and international space agencies will have the opportunity to participate in the development of the swath data model. These agencies play major roles within the remote sensing community.

Other Target Authorization Bodies

This proposed standard is not currently targeted for consideration by any other authorizing bodies. FGDC will serve as the target authorization body. As the FGDC content data standard for remotely sensed swath data, it is expected that this proposed standard could be subsequently authorized by ANSI, ISO, CEOS, or other groups.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 1, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-swth@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format.

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 × 3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Coal Action, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability, Record of Decision (ROD) for the Thermal Energy Preference Right Lease Applications (PRLA's) San Juan County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The PRLA process requires that ROD be made available to the public. The ROD is the document announcing the BLM's decision regarding PRLA commercial quantities determinations. This action establishes

the availability of the ROD for Thermal Energy's PRLA's.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD can be obtained at the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115.

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Richard A. Whitley,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Availability of Beaty Butte Allotment Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Beaty Butte Allotment Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AMP/DEIS).

SUMMARY: The Lakeview District has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of a proposed AMP for the Beaty Butte Allotment (0600) in Lake and Harney Counties, Oregon. The proposed plan covers livestock grazing management activities on approximately 400,000 acres of public lands administered by the BLM.

DATES: This notice announces the opening of the public review period. Interested individuals, organizations, and other agencies are encouraged to provide written comments to the following address within 60 calendar days of the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes its' Notice of Availability of the document in the **Federal Register** which is expected on or about August 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Scott Florence, Area Manager, Lakeview Resource Area, BLM, PO Box 151, Lakeview, OR 97630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those individuals, organizations, native American tribes, agencies, and local governments with a known interest in the proposal have been sent a copy of the AMP/DEIS. Reading copies are also available at the Lake, Klamath, and Harney County, Oregon libraries, and at the Public Room, Oregon State Office, BLM, 1515 SW 5th, Portland, Oregon. Comments on the draft document will be considered in the preparation of the AMP/Final EIS. Because of recent court rulings, it is very important that those interested in the proposed action